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SUBJECT: VISIT OF K. BYRNS, OLD WEST REGIONAL COMMISSION,

TO EUROPE, MARCH 4-25, 1977

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1. KENNETH BYRNS, INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL
TRADE SPECIALIST, OLD WEST REGIONAL COMMISSION (OWRC)
RAPID CITY S.D. PLANS TRIP TO NINE EUROPEAN CITIES
MARCH 4-25. PURPOSE OF TRIP IS TO ADVANCE OWRC EXHIBITIONS
AND TRADE INVESTMENT MISSION TO EUROPE; AND TO SURVEY
POSSIBLE SITES FOR OVERSEAS OFFICE OF OWRC.

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2. OWRC IS A STATE/FEDERAL PARTNERSHIP COVERING FIVE STATES - MONTANA, NEBRASKA, N. DAKOTA, S. DAKOTA AND WYOMING. RETENTION IN 1971 BY OWRC OF EXPERIENCE TRADE SPECIALIST BYRNS, WHO SPENT 26 YEARS IN FO,EIGN SERVICE AND IN BUSINESS OVERSEAS PLUS FIVE YEARS WITH USDOC INDICATES ACTIVE INTEREST BY THESE STATES IN DEVELOPING NEW BUSINESS TIES WITH WESTERN EUROPE. BYRNS RECEIVED IN-DEPTH BRIEFING FROM OIM EARLY FEBRUARY.

3. BYRNS'S ITINERARY FOLLOWS: ARRIVE PARIS (GEN. DE GAULLE) MARCH 5 AT 0825; MARCH 7-8, ATTEND SIMA AGRICULTURAL SHOW; MARCH 9, BERN; MARCH 10, ZURICH; MARCH 14, FRANKFURT; MARCH 15, COLOGNE; MARCH 16-17, DUSSELDORF; MARCH 18-19, BRUSSELS; MARCH 20-22, AMSTERDAM; MARCH 23-24, LONDON. WILL PHONE FOR APPOINTMENTS AFTER ARRIVAL IN EUROPE. WILL CALL ON COMMERCIAL OFFICERS; DIRECTORS OF U.S. TRADE CENTERS IN PARIS, COLOGNE, LONDON. WILL MAKE OWN APPOINTMENTS WITH CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND PRIVATE BUSINESS CONTACTS.

4. BOOKLET DESCRIBING OWRC, BACKGROUND DATA ON BYRNS AND DETAILED ITINERARY AIRPOUCHED TO POSTS FEBRUARY 18. BYRNS WRITING TO POSTS INDIVIDUALLY STATING SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES DURING HIS VISIT.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: POSTS ARE ASKED TO EXTEND USUAL COURTESIES TO BYRNS AND PROVIDE SUITABLE BACKGROUND BRIEFING. NO APPOINTMENTS SHOULD BE SET UP PRIOR TO BYRNS CONTACTING POST DIRECTLY.
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